

Wahkiakum Board of County Commissioners

District No. 1 Commissioner: Lee Tischer

District No. 2 Commissioner: Daniel L. Cothren

District No. 3 Commissioner: Gene Strong, Chair

MINUTES

Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners

Regular Meeting

June 14, 2022

Vice Chair Lee Tischer called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners to order on June 14, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. in the third-floor public meeting room of the Wahkiakum County Courthouse located at 64 Main Street in Cathlamet, Washington.

Present: Commissioner Dan Cothren, Commissioner Lee Tischer, Clerk of the Board Beth Johnson, Undersheriff Gary Howell.

Flag Salute

Vice Chair Lee Tischer led the flag salute.

Regular Meeting Agenda

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer approving the regular meeting agenda for June 14, 2022. Vote: Aye – Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda

It was **M/S/A** by Commissioners Cothren and Tischer approving the consent agenda for April 20, 2021. Vote: Aye – Tischer and Cothren. Unanimously approved. The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Excuse Commissioner Gene Strong
- B. Verified Claims – Commissioner Dan Cothren - \$38.61
- C. Regular Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2022
- D. Resolution No. 85-22 a resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds from the County Properties Cumulative Reserve Fund for the payment of vouchers properly chargeable to said fund in the amount of \$1,318.10
- E. Resolution No. 86-22 a resolution authorizing the expenditure of fund from the Electronic Communications Cumulative Reserve Fund for the payment of vouchers properly chargeable to said fund in the amount of \$156.86
- F. Voucher Approval - \$ 209,791.41
- G. Department of Natural Resources Proposed Forestry Settlement

Public Comment

A Puget Island resident proposed installing speed bumps on Puget Island to reduce traffic speeds. The resident also suggested that the county and Diking District should coordinate with each other so that only one entity does the mowing to save funding. Lastly, the resident commented on food vendor permit fees and policies of the Health Department; advising that the removal of the annual fee and high permit prices will discourage food vendors from the county.

A member of the Fair Board commented that both of the county Farmer's Markets are struggling to draw people in and that the Health Department could help encourage food vendors by revising fees and policies. Lastly, the Fair Board member expressed concern that their grant funded projects will not be able to be completed in time for the fair.

The Eagle Editor questioned the proposed DNR timber settlement.

New Business

Recovery Navigator Program

Amanda Moore, Project Manager for the Recovery Navigator Program was present to introduce the new program. The Recovery Navigator Program is a state funded program that will service Cowlitz and Wahkiakum Counties; the Great Rivers Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization oversees the state contract and is divides the funding between different agencies. Community Integrated Health Services has received the project management funding and Love Overwhelming has received funding to provide case management services.

The program is a low-barrier program meant to help underserved people in the community that often intersect with law enforcement. Case managers will be available 24/7. The goal is to have it be very easy to make a referral, which can be made with a 1-800 phone number or through their online platform. The goal is a response time of within a maximum of one and a half hours. Furthermore, they are not billing insurance, which provides more flexibility. Lastly there are no time limits to the program, so they are able to work with clients for an extended period, if needed.

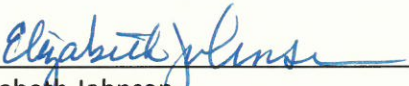
Moore commented that the program is unique in that it is developed by the community. The local board meets monthly and includes staff from the Sheriff's office, State Patrol, Health & Human Services Department, the Prosecuting Attorney and the District Court Judge. The goal of the program is to support public health and safety and promote health and well-being within the community.

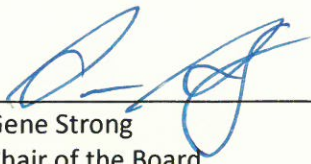
Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Cothren gave a brief report and Commissioner Tischer discussed the timber training conference he attended in Olympia which also included field training.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Attest: 
Elizabeth Johnson
Clerk of the Board

Approved: 
Gene Strong
Chair of the Board